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Applicant: James A. DAVIS et al. ) Examiner: Esaw ABRAHAM  
Serial No.: 09/915,195 )  
Filed: July 25, 2001 ) Art Unit: 2133  
For: "DATA STORAGE METHOD FOR USE ) Our Ref: B-4259 618973-9  
IN A MAGNETORESISTIVE SOLID- )  
STATE STORAGE DEVICE" ) Date: September 27, 2004  
 ) Re: *Amendment and Response*  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 7, 2004, a response to which is due no later than November 7, 2004, Applicants submit this paper together with a petition for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Please deduct the amount of \$420.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) from deposit account no. 08-2025. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

